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What is claimed is:

1. A carrier comprising carrier particles, said particles comprising a magnetic core and a resin layer covering said core, wherein said carrier particles have a weight average particle diameter D_w which is $22-32\mu\text{m}$ and a number average particle diameter D_p which meets with the following condition:

$$1 < D_w/D_p < 1.20,$$

and

- (1) wherein the amount of said carrier particles having a particle diameter of less than $20\mu\text{m}$ is no more than 7wt% of the total weight of said particles,
- (2) wherein the amount of said carrier particles having a particle diameter of less than $36\mu\text{m}$ is 90-100wt% of the total weight of said particles, and
- (3) wherein the amount of said carrier particles having a particle diameter of less than $44\mu\text{m}$ is 98-100wt% of the total weight of said particles.

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2. The carrier as claimed in Claim 1, wherein said particles have a weight average particle diameter D_w which is $22-30\mu\text{m}$, and wherein the amount of said carrier particles having a particle diameter of less than $20\mu\text{m}$ is no more than 5wt%.

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3. The carrier as claimed in Claim 1, wherein the amount of said carrier particles having a particle diameter of less than $20\mu\text{m}$ is no more than 3wt%.

4. The carrier as claimed in Claim 1, wherein said carrier particles provide a magnetic moment of from 70 to 150emu/g in an applied magnetic field at 1 KOe.

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5. The carrier as claimed in Claim 1, wherein said carrier particles have a core of MnMgSr ferrite material.

6. The carrier as claimed in Claim 1, wherein said carrier particles have a core of Mn ferrite material.

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7. The carrier as claimed in Claim 1, wherein said carrier particles have a core of a magnetite material.

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5 8. The carrier as claimed in Claim 1, wherein the bulk density of the magnetic core is 2.35 to 2.50g/cm³.

9. The carrier as claimed in Claim 1, wherein the specific electro-resistance denoted by (log R, Ω cm) of the carrier is 12.0 to 14.0.

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10. The carrier as claimed in Claim 1, wherein a resistance of an inner resin layer is more than that of a surface resin layer.

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11. A carrier as claimed in claim 10, wherein said resin layer comprises a silicone resin containing aminosilane coupling agent.

12. An electrophotographic developer comprising toner and a carrier according to claim 1.

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13. An electrophotographic developer as claimed in claim 12, wherein toner charge to mass ratio, when used in such an amount as to provide a covering ratio of 50%, is 15 to 35 μ c/g.

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14. An electrophotographic developer as claimed in claim 12, wherein said toner particles have a weight average particle diameter of from 3.0 to 5.0 μ m.

15. A method for preparing a carrier for an electrophotographic developer, said carrier comprising carrier particles, each carrier particle comprising a magnetic core and a resin layer on the surface of said magnetic core ; said method comprising:

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(i) classifying a magnetic material of finely pulverized particles, thereby obtaining magnetic core particles having a weight average particle diameter Dw which is 22- 32 μ m and

(1) wherein the amount of said carrier particles having a particle diameter of less than 20 μ m is no more than 7wt% of the total weight of said particles,

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(2) wherein the amount of said carrier particles having a particle diameter of less than 36 μ m is less than 90wt% of the total weight of said particles,

(3) wherein the amount of said carrier particles having a particle diameter of less than 44 μ m is less than 98wt% of the total weight of said particles, and

(ii) providing a resinous film onto the magnetic core particles.

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5 16. A method for preparing a carrier for an electrophotographic developer, said carrier comprising carrier particles, each carrier particle comprising a magnetic core and a resin layer on the surface of said magnetic core ; said method comprising:

(i) providing a resinous film onto the magnetic core particles,

10 (ii) classifying a magnetic core particles of finely pulverized particles, thereby obtaining magnetic core particles having a weight average particle diameter D_w which is 22- 3230 μm and a number average particle diameter D_p which meets with the following condition:

$$1 < D_w/D_p < 1.20,$$

15 (1) wherein the amount of said carrier particles having a particle diameter of less than 20 μm is no more than 7wt% of the total weight of said particles,

(2) wherein the amount of said carrier particles having a particle diameter of less than 36 μm is less than 90wt% of the total weight of said particles,

(3) wherein the amount of said carrier particles having a particle diameter of less than 44 μm is less than 98wt% of the total weight of said particles

20 17. A method as claimed in Claim 15, wherein classifying is accomplished by a vibration sieve equipped with an ultrasonic wave-generator.

25 18. A method as claimed in Claim 15, further comprising classifying the particles having a resinous film thereon with a vibration sieve equipped with an ultrasonic wave-generator.

30 19. A method as claimed in Claim 17 , wherein the vibration sieve is equipped with an ultrasonic wave-generator and a resonator ring to transfer ultrasonic waves generated by the ultrasonic wave-generator to the vibration sieve.

35 20. A method as claimed in Claim 18, wherein the vibration sieve is equipped with an ultrasonic wave-generator and a resonator ring to transfer ultrasonic waves generated by the ultrasonic wave-generator to the vibration sieve.

21. An image forming method, comprising developing an image with the developer of Claim 12.

40 22. A process cartridge which is freely attachable to an electrophotographic image forming apparatus and detachable therefrom, wherein said process cartridge comprises

5 dry toner and a carrier according to claim 1.